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Winter weather conditions may cause closures of scenic roads on North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – As winter weather conditions begin to occur on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, ice and snow accumulation on the roads may lead to closures on scenic roadways including Point Imperial and Cape Royal Roads. Closures may occur with little or no advance notice and remain closed until conditions improve. Highway 67 leading into the North Rim is currently open, but could close for the season if a major storm brings heavy snowfall to the area.

Facilities on the North Rim closed on October 15; however, day use access to the North Rim remains available until Highway 67 closes for the season. Arizona Department of Transportation officials try and keep Highway 67 open through the end of November. After November 30, visitors are encouraged to call the National Park Service, North Rim at 928-638-7870 or the Park's general information number at 928-638-7888 in advance of their trip to check on the status of Highway 67 as well as the North Rim's scenic roadways.

Hikers and cross-country skiers will be permitted to use North Rim group campsites throughout the winter months if they have obtained a permit through the Park's South Rim Backcountry Information Center or Visitor Center at Pipe Springs National Monument. The South Rim Backcountry Information Center is open year-round and can be reached by calling 928-638-7875, Monday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. MST. Permit requests can be faxed year-round to 928-638-2125.

From October 16 until final closure of Highway 67, only emergency services are provided by the National Park Service. Visitors are reminded to pay special attention to their gas gauge, since gas will no longer be available in the Park. Jacob Lake Inn, restaurant and gas station, located 45 miles from the North Rim developed area, remain open year-round.

The South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is open year-round. Additional Park information can be obtained by calling 928-638-7888 or by visiting the Park's Web site at www.nps.gov/grca.

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